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In re application of

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WAVEFORM EQUALIZATION CONTROLLER AND WAVEFORM EQUALIZATION CONTROL METHOD

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 38, line 13, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figures 18(a)-18(b) are diagrams for explaining the operation of the waveform equalization controller according to the ninth embodiment of the present invention.--